

MINUTES

DODGE COUNTY LIBRARY PLANNING COMMITTEE

March 7, 2017

1. Call to order & Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Alex Harvancik at 2:00 p.m. Present, Tracy Scheffler, Alixe Bielot, Amy Birtell and MaryAnn Miller. Others, Dodge County Administrator Jim Mielke, Dodge County Corporation Counsel Kim Nass; Dodge County Assistant Corporation Counsel Kathilynne Grotelueschen; Bridges Library System Director Connie Meyers; Watertown Public Library Director Margaret Checkai; Jack Russell Memorial Library (Hartford) Director Jennifer Einwalter; Beaver Dam Public Library Director Sue Mevis; Juneau Public Library Director Constance Schuett and Dodge County Board Supervisor Jeff Caine. Absent: None .
2. Public Comment: Bridges Library System Director Connie Meyers introduced herself to the Committee. She began her remarks by asking the question of *How do You Define a Public Library*. She noted the Bridges Library System includes three libraries which are in two counties: Whitewater, Cambridge and Watertown. She distributed a copy of Wisconsin Statute 43, with specific notation to Stats 43.60 County Appointments to Municipal and Joint Public Library Board. A copy of 2015 Circulation Data was also presented highlighting the Watertown Public Library Circulation to Dodge County residents without a library. The 2015 circulation was 21,093 items. Jennifer Einwalther, Director of the Jack Russell Memorial Library also addressed the Committee regarding border community libraries.

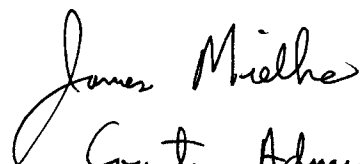
Questions were asked by Administrator Mielke and members of the Library Planning Committee.

3. Consideration of Minutes: February 21, 2017: Motion by Scheffler, 2nd by Bielot to approve the February 21, 2017 minutes as presented. Motion carried.
4. Review, Discuss Dodge County Library Plan for Service: Discussion by the Library Planning Committee regarding how to consider classification of the Watertown, Hartford and Randolph libraries as it relates to reimbursement for non-resident circulation going forward. The issue is whether they are treated as Dodge County libraries with a reimbursement percentage of 80% in 2017 or are they considered *Adjacent libraries* with reimbursement calculated of 70%. It was noted by Administrator Mielke the overall intent is to incrementally increase the reimbursement percentage for Dodge County libraries to 100% through future county budget cycles. The expectation is reimbursement for adjacent county libraries will remain at the statutory minimum of 70%.

Dodge County Corporation Counsel Kim Nass will review the current Plan for Service document and provide a draft working copy incorporating discussion points for committee review for the next meeting.

5. Adjourn: Motion by Scheffler, second by Bielot to adjourn. Motion carried. Time: 3:37 p.m.

Next meeting Date and Time: Tuesday March 21, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.


County Administrator